

East Bay Regional Park District  
Camping Task Force Report

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INTRODUCTION

**Commission of the Task Force**

During the spring of 1992, Senator, John Nejedly and a delegation of youth, disabled, and Native American representatives approached the District to urge expansion of District camping facilities to better serve Contra Costa County residents. At the initial meeting, it was apparent that a number of specific camping needs could be met at existing District facilities during the '92 summer season. To address long-term issues, General Manager, Pat O'Brien agreed to commission an expanded task force to include representatives from Alameda County and Contra Costa County camp and trail use groups. The Task Force was commissioned to work with staff, to review the District's current camping program, and to make recommendations that will provide direction for the remainder of this decade and into the 21st century.

Key to the effort was recognition that rapid changes in available time, transportation hardships, and evolving cultural diversity must lead to continuous review and updating of the District's camping systems to meet youth and adult camping needs.

The Task Force reviewed the existing system and worked with staff to formulate immediate and long-term plans for enhanced and new camping options for residents of the East Bay. The Task Force has attempted to provide a new vision of the future role of the East Bay Regional Park District in providing sites for families, youth, trekkers, and organized groups for camping at appropriate locations throughout the Regional Park system.

**Methodology**

The Task Force reviewed policies, rules and regulations, standards, accreditation requirements, existing park sites, trails, user trends, Bay-wide camping opportunities, and public and private partnerships as the foundation for developing its recommendations.

The makeup of the Task Force brought experienced camp leaders, managers and organizational interests together with individuals representing general recreation interests. Campsite tours allowed representatives to discuss both specific and conceptual issues in the field, as well as, in the meeting room.

A nine-Bay county survey of Cities, Counties, Special Districts, and National Park Service operated camp facilities provided information on current, State Parks, "local" camps available to the six million residents of the Bay Area. Information was tabulated by region for family, group, backpack/trekking, day camp, equestrian, and resident camps.

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# **EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT**

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## POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The District should continue to emphasis development and improvement of campsites as a priority in the Capital Budget. The District should do this by identifying a priority list of improvements for upgrading current campsites and adding new camps to meet the growing outdoor needs of Bay Area residents. Priority should reflect a balanced distribution of regional camps. The Board should then allocate funds to make the necessary improvements and additions. It is recommended that funding be sought through an aggressive grants program and through other resource development efforts.
2. The District should develop facilities, programs, and a marketing plan to become known as the "Camping Place" for East Bay residents.
3. The District should develop at least one to three residential camps to accommodate youth, adult, and disabled groups for educational and recreational experiences.
4. The District should incorporate the concept of theme camping in its regional camping plan. Opportunities for science campsites, aquatic campsites, shoreline campsites, Native American campsites, equestrian campsites, wilderness campsites, outdoor recreation campsites, among others will provide exciting variety as well as new challenges for campers.
5. The District should develop a process for entering into agreements with non-profit and for-profit organizations to lease District lands and develop camping facilities that the District wishes to develop but can not otherwise provide.
6. The District should develop a system of multi-use backpack campsites that will make the Regional Trail System accessible to hikers, equestrians, and bicycle riders for trekking experiences.
7. The District should take all reasonable steps necessary to provide access for all trail users to its campsites. Where access along a single alignment is not possible, the District should provide access with a reasonably equivalent trail experience for all trail users.



8. The District should develop a reasonable number of equestrian campsites for both group and individual use that accommodate the unique needs of equestrian campers.
9. The District should adopt facility guidelines for its group and day camp sites that consider all ages, the disabled, and the needs of regional camping organizations. Selected campsites should be upgraded to meet new guidelines as quickly as financially possible.
10. The District should add restroom and shower facilities at selected group campsites. The District should provide an appropriate number of restrooms for normal planned use and establish a rental pool of portable restrooms to handle peak use or camporee activities.
11. The District should adopt guidelines for camp cooking facilities that serve both large group needs as well as small unit needs.
12. The District should have a reasonable number of urban day camp sites that are safely accessible by vehicle, including buses, have a shelter for inclement weather, and provide a mix of appropriate active recreation opportunities.
13. The District should adopt group camp guidelines for sinks and basins that accommodate hand and cooking equipment washing needs.
14. The District should revise its vehicle access and parking regulations for group camp reservations to allow an appropriate number of vehicles, in proportion to the size of the group using the campsite, and parking off-site at designated parking areas for the remainder of the groups vehicles. This new provision is required for reasonable parent and youth transport and participation as well as evacuation and emergency purposes.
15. The District should improve vehicle access through its parks to sites for camping.
16. The District should expand family camping opportunities at Regional Parklands. These opportunities should recognize the changing trends and needs of East Bay area families.
17. The District should provide or arrange for appropriate safety equipment rental for group reservation areas, including telephones and mobile radio equipment.

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18. The District should insure that camp use fees are appropriate and reasonable, taking into consideration, youth group camping budgets. The District should eliminate the double fee for camping reservations and vehicle access at those parks where kiosks are being operated. Whenever possible, the District should create a single fee package or billing system for multiple recreational opportunities.
19. The District should update its public information and camping brochures to provide specific site and facility information for each reservable camp.
20. The District should participate in the preparation and review of accreditation standards for youth camps.
21. The District should become involved in the preparation and review of state laws and regulations, such as the "Organized Camp" codes.
22. The District should undertake a major tree planting and re-vegetation program at camp sites for safety and aesthetic purposes.
23. The District should conduct on-going attitude surveys to determine expected levels of improvement at camps, as well as, the need for additional recreational amenities.
24. The District should designate a specific office or position to coordinate the District camping program.

CAMPING in the EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT  
OPPORTUNITIES for EXPANDED CAMPING

The Camping Task Force, working with Staff, reviewed the Park District's camping program to identify opportunities for improvements. The following suggestions by type of camp, should be pursued by staff and the Board to improve existing facilities and provide expanded camping opportunities.

- I. **Backpack/Trekking Camps:** The District should develop a system of backpack camp sites that will make the regional trail system usable for trekking experiences.

The following suggested sites serve as a beginning list or menu, of backpack/trekking camps to be planned and developed through the District's normal project process. If listed sites prove impractical the District should attempt to locate an alternate site in the area to achieve the 10 (+) mile spacing required to complete the system.

<u>Potential Park Locations for Interior System</u>	<u>Potential Site</u>
1. Tilden	Vollmer Peak area
2. Redwood	MillSite Camp area
3. Chabot	Family Camp area
4. Garin	Jensen area
5. Niles Canyon (future)	Ridge area or Canyon
6. Mission Peak	McClure Valley
7. Del Valle	Campground area
8. Del Valle (future)	Arroyo area
9. Shadow Cliffs	Arroyo area
10. Pleasanton Ridge (South)	Reasor residence area
11. Pleasanton Ridge (North)	Poole residence area
12. Bishop Ranch (future)	Site to be located in the future
13. Las Trampas	Devils Hole area
14. Diablo Foothills*	Site to be located in future
15. Briones	Bear Creek area
16. Carquinez	Shrader area
17. Morgan Territory	Jensen Ranch area
18. The seven existing sites at Ohlone, Sunol, and Black Diamond when joined by the above 17 new sites will complete the initial interior system	

- \* Negotiate an intermedial site with state parks to allow trekking between Diablo Foothills and Morgan Territory with an overnight site at the South face of Mount Diablo.



## Campground Opportunities for EBRPD

### Potential Park Locations for Shoreline System

1. Coyote Hills
2. Hayward Shoreline
3. Martin Luther King Jr.
4. Eastshore State  
Shoreline
5. Pt. Pinole and Lone Tree
6. Carquinez Shoreline
7. Pittsburg Shoreline
8. Big Break

### Potential Site

Note: The Shoreline system may be more practical as a hostelling setup rather than a backpack/tent camping system. Staff should explore possible sites and submit a written follow-up report to the Board.

- II. **Group Camps:** The District should develop a consistent facility standard for group camps, and upgrade existing camps as well as add new sites to meet group camping needs of the region. The following list identifies potential new sites to be explored through the District's normal planning and capital program.

### Potential Park Locations

#### 1. Garin/Dry Creek

- Meyers Ranch (50 capacity) - New
- Selmeczki Valley (50 capacity) - New

#### 2. Carquinez

- Whites Resort (50 capacity) - New
- Shepherd Valley (50 capacity) - New

#### 3. Anthony Chabot

- Upgrade six existing sites - Improved roads, cooking facilities and shelters
- Improve Bort Meadow (500 capacity) - Existing Meadow Road improvement, restrooms, tables and cooking equipment
- Equestrian Camp - New

#### 4. Sunol

- Upgrade High Valley Camp (100 capacity) - Existing
- Build new site at Leyden Flat (100 capacity) - New
- Implement Plotkins Horse Camp proposal - New

#### 5. Del Valle

- Upgrade Cedar, Hetch Hetchy and Venados: - Existing roads, shelters, tables, meadows (50 cap.)
- Build new site at the old Swallow camp w/portable restrooms (50 capacity) - New

#### 6. Lake Chabot

- Fairmont Ridge (50 capacity) - New
- Nike Site Ridge (100 capacity) - New



Potential Park Locations (Cont'd.)

7. Wildcat
  - .Alvarado camp (25 capacity) - Existing
8. Diablo Foothills
  - .Castlerock (150 capacity) - Existing
9. Pleasanton Ridge
  - .South end of Ridge (50 capacity) - New
  - .North end of Ridge (100 capacity) - New
10. Tilden
  - .Upgrade Wildcat View - Existing
  - .Upgrade New Woodland - Existing
  - .Upgrade Mineral Equestrian Springs Camp (150 capacity) - Existing
    - Add water and support facilities
  - .Gillespie - Upgrade shelters - Existing
11. Roberts
  - .Negotiate agreement with Oakland for expanded use of P.A.L. Camp: (capacity 50)
    - Pool upgrade w/general clean-up - New
12. Briones
  - .Wee-Ta-Chi - Whalen: Improve meadows (100 capacity) - Existing
  - .Homestead Valley: Add water, toilets, tables, cooking and fire circle (500 capacity) - Existing
  - .Briones Coyote Valley camporee site (600 capacity) - New
  - .Alhambra Valley (50 capacity) - New
  - .Lafayette Ridge Equestrian Camp - New
13. Pt. Pinole
  - .New group campsite (50 capacity) - New
14. Camporee Sites -
  - The District should explore options for new regional special event, camporee sites serving up to 500 campers at the following park locations: Del Valle, Pt. Pinole, Garin, and Delta/Big Break.



## Campground Opportunities for EBRPD

III. **Family Camps:** Family camps will follow the Anthony Chabot/Del Valle model with the added concept of smaller RV campsites that only require an appropriate setting with utility hook-ups at selected sites. The following list identifies a menu of potential new sites to be explored through the District's normal planning and capital program.

### Potential Park Locations

1. A. Chabot-Expand 50 sites
2. Sunol-Expand 25 tent platform sites
3. Coyote Hills-RV Camp 50 sites
4. Del Valle-100 sites RV and tent
5. Delta-200 sites
6. Contra Loma - 50 sites RV
7. Del Valle - 25 tent platform sites
8. Shadow Cliffs

### Potential Site

- Current campground  
Extend current site downstream  
  
Dumbarton Quarry  
Arroyo - North End  
  
Big Break  
(to be selected)  
  
West Side  
Park area adjacent to launch ramp  
RV camper  
winter use only  
(25 full hook ups)

9. Additional sites may be possible at Bethany, Clifton Court and Los Vaqueros Reservoirs, if District decides to become involved in direct operations of these facilities.

IV. **Resident Campsites:** Resident camping would be a new offering for the District. Selection of one to three sites should be considered with funding obtained for bunk houses, tent cabins, dining hall, activity centers, and recreational facilities. The following list identifies potential new sites to be explored through the District's normal planning and capital program.

### Potential Park Locations

1. Morgan Territory
2. Del Valle
3. Ardenwood
4. Delta Shoreline
5. Las Trampas
6. San Pablo or Briones Reservoir

### Potential Site

- Jensen Ranch  
Arroyo area  
G. Patterson site  
Big Break  
Holly Court

Explore options with EBMUD for location and possible joint individual operation that would allow access to either reservoir



## Campground Opportunities for EBRPD

- V. **Day Camp:** Day camp sites are typically reservable group picnic areas (for weekday use) or group campsites. The District should identify and upgrade its 20 most desirable day camp sites and market them for focused use by youth group leaders.

The following list of new or enhanced sites was developed by the task force to provide more regional options for youth leaders who do not have either time or transportation capability to get to existing sites. Sites were also located at all District lakes to take advantage of the wider variety of recreational opportunities available at aquatic parks.

### Potential New Park Locations For Day camping

1. Contra Loma - (Loma Island)
2. Del Valle (Eagles View), add trees and meadow
3. Black Diamond (Lougher Ranch) - Relocate residence and add improved site
4. Briones (Alhambra end) - Add meadow and improvements
5. Roberts (Redwood Bowl) - Relocate fire trail and irrigate meadow
6. Cull Canyon - Add meadow and tables at bench area between parking lot and lake
7. Don Castro - Select one of group picnic areas at east end of lagoon
8. Shadow Cliffs - Select one group picnic areas at main meadow
9. Brook area at Tilden (Anza) - Refurbish area. add meadow and tables
10. Coyote Hills - Add meadow and shelter for campsite
11. Alameda Beach - Select one group picnic site
12. Martin Luther King Jr. - Select one group picnic site
13. Delta Shoreline - New
14. Carquinez Shoreline - New (At Eckley Area)
15. Alameda Creek Quarries - New
16. Sunol - Select a grouping of tables along the creek
17. Tilden - Select one group picnic site.
18. Miller/Knox Jr. - Select one group picnic site
19. Pt. Pinole - Giant picnic area
20. Temescal - Streamside and Big Rock
21. Redwood - Wayside



# CAMPING IN THE EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

## Updated Operational Procedures

The East Bay Regional Park District has developed and operates family campgrounds, group camps, day camp sites, and backpack/trekking sites. Each type of camping offers a different experience for the park user. Updated rules and guidelines have been developed for each type of camping in an effort to ensure the safe and responsible use of park facilities, with the minimum possible impact on park resources. The group camp rules have also been expanded to allow use by organized adult groups.

**I. Reservations:** Permits to use District camping facilities can be obtained through the District's Reservation System. The following policies and procedures apply:

1. Reservation permits for group camping and backpacking shall be issued for the coming year on a first come - first served basis for each calendar year beginning on the first Monday in November for residents with mailing addresses in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, and the first Monday in February for residents from outside these two counties. Reservations may be made for District operated facilities by telephone, fax, mail or in person at the EBRPD Administration Office. Reservations for family camping may be made a maximum of 12 weeks in advance.
2. Maximum capacities have been established for each camp site; camp sites will be reserved for a group matching as nearly as possible the group size to the established capacity for the camp site.
3. The person in whose name a reservation is made shall assume full responsibility for the conduct of the group.
4. Only one reservation will be issued in a single day for a camp site, unless otherwise authorized by the park supervisor.



5. The responsible person will be billed for the cost of all damage incurred at a reserved area during the reserved time. The cost of repairing any damage or clean up shall be calculated by the park supervisor and billed by the reservations department. These costs will be based on a park operations and public safety incident reports.
6. Minors, persons below the age of 18, can not make reservations.
7. Issuance of a reservation permit shall grant use of the specified area unless the area is made unusable, unsafe, inaccessible or closed during high fire danger periods. If an area is unusable the group will be given the choice of using a comparable area if one is available, rescheduling its reservation or accepting a refund in full including the reservation fee.
8. Reservation signs will be posted by the park staff in sufficient time to ensure right of occupancy during the reserved period.
9. Reserved sites must be occupied within 30 minutes of designated arrival time or the reservation is forfeited.
10. Presentation of the reservation permit will be required before occupying an area. Letters of special authorization (i.e., use of amplified equipment, sale of food or products, etc.) approved by the District, must be presented along with the reservation permit.
11. All group camping reservations must be made and all fees paid in full at least 3 days prior to the reservation date, and at least one day in advance for family camping reservations, or paid within 14 days after the reservation is made, whichever is sooner.
12. The District must be informed of the cancellation of a group camping reservation at least 30 days before the reservation date. If the reservation is canceled more than 30 days in advance a 90% refund will be issued less the service charge. If the cancellation is made less than 30 days in advance and the area is re-rented a 90 % refund will be issued less the service charge, but there will be no refund if the area is not re-rented. Family camping reservations must be canceled at least 3 days in advance in order to receive a refund.

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13. Battery powered public address systems may be used with prior approval of the park supervisor. Other electronic equipment requiring a generator for power may be used only with written permission from the Chief of Parks.

II. Camp Use Procedures & Guidelines: The District has established the following operational rules for each type of camp.

A. Family Camping: The District operates facilities for family overnight camping at several locations, the following rules apply:

1. Camping is allowed in designated sites only.
2. Reservations may be made a maximum of 12 weeks in advance by phone, fax (635-5502), mail or in person at the District Headquarters.
3. Check in time is 2:00 p.m. and check out time is 12:00 noon.
4. Sites are designed for families or small groups with a maximum number of 10 people in one site.
5. A maximum of two campsites may be reserved by any one person at a time.
6. A maximum of two motor vehicles may occupy a single campsite.
7. All natural resources are protected. Do not remove them or alter them in any way.
8. Many campsites are in sensitive watershed areas. Please respect the park, the wildlife and future users by using toilets provided near each campsite.
9. Maximum length of stay is 15 consecutive days, or 30 days per year with a minimum 2 day break following the first 15 day visit.
10. Motor vehicles are restricted to main paved roads. All camping vehicles are restricted to the designated pad provided at the campsite.



11. Persons between 16 and 18 years of age must have written consent from a parent or legal guardian to camp unless accompanied by their parent, guardian or other competent adult leader.
  12. Quiet hours are from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Amplification equipment and electric generators that disturb other campers will not be allowed.
  13. All pets shall be securely leashed or contained within a vehicle or tent. Pets may not be left unattended at any time and must always be under immediate control of a person. Maximum leash length is six feet. Proof of rabies vaccination is required and must be shown upon request. Persons with noisy or vicious pets will be required to remove the animal from the park.
  14. Wood collection and ground fires are prohibited. Campfires are allowed in designated fire pits only and must be attended at all times.
  15. No alcoholic beverages except beer and wine are allowed in family campgrounds. No alcohol is allowed in Sunol Wilderness, including the family campground.
- B. Group Camping: The District operates facilities for overnight camping for organized groups (10 or larger) for the purpose of appreciation of the parks natural setting and the out of doors. The following rules apply:
1. Minimum group size is 10 persons.
  2. Vehicle access to the campsite is limited in order to minimize the vehicle traffic on the access roads which are shared with hikers, equestrians and bicyclists. Vehicle access to the site will be allowed based on a formula for the size of the group. Additional parking is usually available at an off-site designated location. **Car pooling is strongly recommended.** Overnight car passes are issued by the reservations office and must be displayed in the windshield of each vehicle left in the park overnight.

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3. Group camping facilities are reservable by organized adult and youth groups with an established membership or affiliation with a non-profit organization, youth organization, service club or other similar institution. Adult group camping not affiliated with such an organization must otherwise use the District's family campgrounds.
4. Internal Park roads are subject to closure due to inclement weather. Failure to abide by trail closure rules will result in loss of key deposit, and restricted use of EBRPD group camp sites for up to one year.
5. All natural resources are protected. Do not remove them or alter them in any way.
6. Many campsites are in sensitive watershed areas. Please respect the park, the wildlife and future users by using the toilets provided for each campsite.
7. A refundable deposit is required to obtain a key or combination to the lock on the fire gate.
8. Gates are to remain locked at all times. Shuttling campers to and from the camp site is discouraged.
9. Groups must have at least one responsible adult for every 10 children.
10. Alcoholic beverages are **prohibited** in all group camps.
11. Vehicle entry and parking passes will be issued by the reservations office based on the size of the group and the parking capacity of the camp site. All vehicle use is restricted to the designated access road to the camp. Use of other internal park roads is prohibited. Parking fees will be charged for extra cars when the parks kiosks are being operated.



12. Battery powered public address systems may be used with the prior approval of the park supervisor. Other electronic equipment requiring a generator for power may be used only with written permission from the Chief of Parks.
  13. Park curfew is from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. Use of vehicles on the designated access park roads during these hours will be allowed only for emergency purposes only.
  14. Fires are allowed in designated fire pits and barbecues only. Wood collecting is prohibited, campers are encouraged to bring in wood for campfires.
- C. Backpack Camping: The District has designated a number of sites for overnight camping use by individuals and small groups of backpackers. Backpackers normally carry their gear on their backs, and desire a natural camping experience in remote areas. Reservations for backpacking groups must be made at the District Headquarters or at the park entrance kiosks.
1. Each camper must sign in and out at the trailhead sign-in panels when entering or leaving the area.
  2. No campfires or open fires are allowed. Backpacking stoves are permitted for cooking.
  3. All natural resources are protected. Do not remove them or alter them in any way.
  4. Pack out everything you pack in. Burying refuse is not allowed because animals will uncover it and digging holes and depositing litter are violations of District Policy (Ordinance 38). Backpackers are also encouraged to carry out any litter you find along the way.
  5. Radios and tape players must not disturb other campers or be audible for more than 25 feet.

6. Horses are only allowed to use areas designated on the campsite map, acceptable for equestrian camping. Tie horses to picket posts or hobble them. Fill in any holes your horse may have dug and disburse its manure.
  7. Mountain bikes are allowed only to use service fire roads specifically designated for their use on the map and permit. Single track trail use is prohibited.
  8. Many campsites are in sensitive watershed areas. Please respect the park, the wildlife and future users by using the toilets provided near each campsite.
  9. Alcohol is prohibited in the backpacking sites.
  10. All pets shall be securely leashed or contained within a tent at night. Pets may not be left unattended at any time and must always be under immediate control of a person. Maximum leash length is six feet. Proof of rabies vaccination is required and must be shown upon request. Persons with noisy or vicious pets will be required to remove the animal from the backpack campsite and possibly the park.
- D. Day Camping: The District provides day camp sites for organized youth groups to use during summer weekdays.

The following rules apply:

1. Vehicle access to the site is limited in order to minimize the vehicle traffic on the access roads which are shared with, hikers, equestrians and bicyclists. Vehicle access to the site will be allowed based on a formula for the size of the group. Day campers are encouraged to hike into the areas to become familiar with their surroundings.
2. Day camp facilities are reservable by organized day camp groups.



3. Internal Park roads are subject to closure due to inclement weather. Failure to abide by trail closure rules will result in loss of key deposit.
4. All natural resources are protected. Do not remove them or alter them in any way.
5. Many daycamp areas are in sensitive watershed areas. Please respect the park, the wildlife and future users by using the toilets provided for each area.
6. A refundable deposit is required to obtain a key or combination lock on access gates.
7. Gates are to remain locked at all times. Shuttling campers to and from the area is discouraged.
8. Groups must have at least one responsible adult for every 10 children.
9. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in all day camps.
10. Vehicle entry and parking passes will be issued by the reservations office based on the size of the group and the parking camping of the area. All vehicle use is restricted to the designated access road to the area. Use of other internal park roads is prohibited. Parking fees will be charged for extra cars/buses when the parks kiosks are being operated.
11. Battery powered public address systems may be used with the prior approval of the park supervisor. Other electronic equipment requiring a generator for power may be used only with written permission from the Chief of Parks.
12. Fires are allowed in designated fire pits and barbecues only. Wood collecting is prohibited, campers are encouraged to bring in wood for campfires.

## EBRPD CAMP GUIDELINES

The District does not currently have a set of written facility standards for campgrounds located throughout the Regional Park system. Some sites have been planned and developed using capital funds, some have evolved using field planning and operational funds. The following sets of facility guidelines have been developed for each of the major camp types to guide staff in achieving more consistency in design and development of new sites and rehabilitation of current sites.

### BACKPACK/TREKKING CAMP

- All use subject to reservation process
- Located in areas that consider proximity to and impact on neighbors.
- Typical camps serve from 20-30 campers with individual and group use options with cleared space for tents and use areas.
- Typical sites will accommodate hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians.
- Core facility standards include:

#### Cooking Areas and Facilities:

- .No open fires; backpack stoves only
- .1 potable water faucet per campsite (if feasible)
- .1 table per 10 campers with cleared space for tents
- .1 standard, animal-proof garbage container per campsite

#### Access:

- Camps located near or on inter-park trails with a 5-10 mile spacing, depending on terrain to be covered
- Beginners loops with 5 mile spacings will be located for weekend hikes from staging areas

#### Restrooms:

- 2 or 3 toilets per campsite (flush or chemical)

#### Optional Amenities:

- Hitching rail for up to 5 horses per camp
- Telephone (if utilities are available)
- Lockable feed storage for equestrian use

#### Parking and Access:

.The system will have designated parking areas with overnight parking passes issued to allow hikers to start at convenient locations along the Regional Trail system. The District should consider shuttle services for extended long hike experiences where loops do not allow return to vehicle. Where access by all users (i.e, horse, hike, & bike) can not be accommodated by trails leading to campsites, the District will explore alternative routes and additional "bypass" campsites.



## EBRPD CAMP GUIDELINES

### DAY CAMPS

- Generally utilize existing group reservable picnic areas or group camp areas on weekdays

The District will identify 20 "first class" day camp sites regionally spread throughout the system as focus day camp sites.

- A. See Group Camps for standards.
- B. Reservable group picnic areas will normally have a full complement of tables, cooking facilities, potable water and public restrooms. Each site will have a different combination of recreational amenities depending on location, i.e., swimming, fishing, meadows, nature study, etc.
- C. Lockable storage shelter for supplies and equipment.

#### Optional Amenities:

- Temporary storage facility for office and camp equipment
- Telephone access (reservation permit will list closest public telephone in the park)
- Use for one week night overnight camp for day campers

### GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS for DAY CAMPS

The District should:

- Explore new partnerships with both profit and non-profit groups to develop and operate day camp facilities.
- Develop sites that are within  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour or less drive of the District's major population centers.
- Develop a geographic distribution of day camps that will cover the entire District.
- Enter into agreements with organized youth, non-profit groups, for one or more years, at a specific site to allow the group to develop their program knowing a site is available.
- Give priority for camp improvements that have groups that will provide additional funding for improvements.
- Rotate sites to relieve impacts, i.e., erosion and compaction.
- Emphasize sites with opportunities for theme camps.
- Sites need to be separate and identifiable, either physically or by time.
- Create windows of down time for camps.

## EBRPD CAMP GUIDELINES

### FAMILY CAMPS

- Each site typically accommodates 2 automobiles or 1 R.V. and up to 10 people

#### Cooking Areas and Facilities:

- 1 fire ring and grill per site
- 1 table per site

#### Parking:

- Maximum 2 vehicles per site (40' - level and surfaced)
- Off-site parking area for 10% of campground vehicles for visitors and guests

#### Restrooms, Sinks, Showers:

- 1 fully accessible toilet seat per building
- 1 standard toilet seat per 5 sites
- 1 showerhead per 5 campsites
- 1 hand-washing sink basin per 5 campsites
- Thermostatic control of all hot water
- 1 deep sink basin per 10 campsites (hot and cold water)

#### General Amenities:

- R.V. sites require only utility hook-ups
- Telephone access (one per 40 sites)
- Potable water faucets located throughout camp (generally 1 per 5 sites)
- Animal-proof garbage containers located throughout camp (generally 2 yds/8 sites)
- Flat graded site, generally 300 sq.ft., for tents, table and cooking area
- Half-acre meadow per 5 sites
- Restrooms with interior and exterior night lighting on timers or sensors
- Recycling bins located throughout camp (1 per 20 sites)



## EBRPD CAMP GUIDELINES

### GROUP CAMPS

- Located in areas that consider the holding capacity of the park as well as proximity to and impact on neighbors.
- Typical group sites of 50, 100, and 150.
- Most group areas available for day camp use during the week.
- Core facility standards include:

#### Cooking Areas and Facilities:

- Fire clearance 30' around each cooking facility 10' diameter bare soil
- 1 fire ring and grill and table per 15 campers
- 1 group barbecue with serving and preparation counter per 50 campers and 5 tables
- 1 potable water fountain per cooking area (maximum 50 campers)
- 1 standard animal-proof garbage container per 20 campers
- Recycle bins

#### Parking and Access:

- Served by an all-weather access road
- Passes for 10 cars for 50 campers, 2 designated parking spaces per 50 campers at camp site; 8 overnight auto parking spaces (off site) in the park per 50 campers or 1 bus space per 35 campers
- Cleared, flat sites for tents or sleeping accommodations

#### Restrooms, Sinks and Showers:

- 1 fully accessible toilet for each camp; additional toilet facilities will be provided for disabled camps
  - 1 standard toilet seat for 10 campers
- Note: The current ratio is 1 to 50. Task Force members felt that 1 to 25 is both appropriate and more financially feasible; however, the 1 to 10 ratio is required for accreditation. More research is required for the final ratio.**
- 1 accessible hand-washing basin for each 15 campers

#### Optional Amenities:

- Telephone access (if utilities are available)
- 1 large group fire circle 50 camp with seating
- 1 acre meadow per 100 campers
- 1 shelter
- 1 shower facility (1 head per 15 campers)
- Horse facilities (storage container, tie lines or stalls)

## CAMPSITE FACILITY DATABASE

### Existing and Needed Camp Facilities 2-1-94

The following database of District Camp Facilities inventories existing sites and projects needs for new campsites envisioned in the Task Force Report. The databases reflects both the existing and needed facilities as recommended in the Task Force Guidelines.

The following key was developed to clarify facility categories in the database:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>
CAMP TYPE	Camp-type: family, group, or trekking
PARK	Indicates specific park
LOCATION	Location of recommended project within the specified park
PRIORITY	<p><b>1</b> = Recommended locations are <b>First Priority Projects</b> to be reviewed for <u>immediate</u> development potential.</p> <p><b>2</b> = Recommended locations are <b>Second Priority Projects</b> which will be considered when planning and CEQA have been completed.</p> <p><b>3</b> = <b>No Priority</b>. Location is unfavorable for immediate development.</p>
CAPACITY	<p>RECOM = Recommended capacity of Park location per Camping Task Force Guidelines</p> <p>EXIST = Existing capacity of Park location per Camping Task Force Guidelines</p>

NOTE: The following list are typical facilities as presented in the Camping Task Force 1994 Guidelines; each indicating both "existing" and "needed" facilities. Quantities shown under "needed" facilities were calculated per 1994 Camping Guidelines and indicate additional facilities:

each "EXISTING" facility are "NEEDED"  
Existing or Needed Categories

PARK:	Off site - parking at staging area On site - parking at camp site
FGT:	Fire, grill and table
GRP BBQ:	Group barbecues
H2O FNT:	Water fountains
TOILETS:	Number of barrier-free toilets
H2O BASIN:	Water basins
POW:	Power
TELE:	Telephone
SEW:	Sewer
ACCESS:	Car Access or Bus Access
SHLTR:	Shelter
MEAD:	Meadow



CAMP TYPE	PARK	LOCATION	PRI	CAPACITY		EX. PARK		NEED PARK		EX.	NEED	EX.	NEED	EXIST	NEED	POW	TELE	SEW	ACCESS		SHLTR	MEAD
				RECOM	EXIST	OFF	ON	OFF	ON	NO.	NO.	H2O	H2O	TOILETS	NO. OF TOILETS				CAR	BUS		
BAC	ANTHONY CH	FAMILY CAM	1	25			0	15	0		3		1		3	Y	Y	Y	Y			
BAC	BISHOP RAN	TBD	3	25			0	15	0		3		1		3							
BAC	BRIONES	HOMESTEAD	1	25			0	15	0		3		1		3							
BAC	CARQUINEZ	FRANKLIN H	1	25		15	0	15	0		3		1		3							
BAC	DEL VALLE	ARROYO	3	25		15	0	15	0		3		1		3							
BAC	DEL VALLE	CAMPGROUND	3	25		15	0	15	0		3		1		3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
BAC	DIABLO FOO	TBD	3	25		15	0	15	0		3		1		3							
BAC	GARIN	JENSEN	3	25		15	0	15	0		3		1		3							
BAC	LAS TRAMPA	DEVIL'S HO	3	25		15	0	15	0		3		1		3							
BAC	MISSION PE	McCLURE VA	3	25		15	0	15	0		3		1		3							
BAC	MORGAN TER	JENSEN RAN	2	25		15	0	15	0		3		1		3							
BAC	PLEASANTON	POOLE RESI	2	25			0	15	0		3		1		3							
BAC	PLEASANTON	REASOR RES	2	25			0	15	0		3		1		3							
BAC	REDWOOD	MILL SITE	3	60	60		0	15	0	4	2	2	-1	1	2							
BAC	SHADOW CLI	ARROYO ARE	3	25			0	15	0		3		1		3				Y	Y		
BAC	TILDEN	VOLLMER PE	3	25			0	15	0		3		1		3							
BAC	VARGAS PLA	NILES CANY	3	25			0	15	0		3		1		3							
BAC	VARGAS PLA	RIDGE AREA	3	25			0	15	0		3		1		3							
BAC	WILDCAT CA	ALVARADO	1	25			0	15	0		3		1		3							

"DRAFT" LIST OF EXISTING AND NEEDED FAMILY CAMP FACILITIES PER CAMPING TASK FORCE 1994 GUIDELINES

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CAMP TYPE	PARK	LOCATION_	PRIOR	CAPACITY RECOM	EXIST	EXIST PARK OFF SITE	NEED PARK ON SITE	EX. FGT	NEED FGT	EX. BBQ	NEED BBQ	EX. TAB	NEED TAB	EX FNT	NEED FNT	EXIST STD	NEEDED HCP	EX. TOILETS	NEEDED BASIN	EX. BASIN	POW	TELE	SEW	ACCESS CAR	SHLTR	MEAD
FAM	ANTHON	FAMILY	1	50			5	10	0		1		5		1	0	1		1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
FAM	CLIFTO	DELTA	3	0			0	0	0		1		0		0	0	0		0	Y	Y		Y	Y		
FAM	CONTRA	EAST S	2	50			5	10	0		1		5		1	0	1		1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
FAM	COYOTE	DUMBAR	3	50			5	10	0		1		5		1	0	1		1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
FAM	DEL VA	ARROYO	2	1000			100	200	0		1		100		20	0	20		10	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
FAM	DEL VA	WEST S	3	25			3	5	0		1		3		1	0	1		0							
FAM	DELTA	BIG BR	3	200			20	40	0		1		20		4	0	4		2							
FAM	LOS VA	NOT EX	3	0			0	0	0		1		0		0	0	0		0							
FAM	SHADOW	RV CAM		25			3	5	0		1		3		1		1		0							
FAM	SUNOL	CUR. S	3	250	250		25	50	0		1		25		5	0	5		3							
FAM	SUNOL	FAMILY	2	40	40		4	8	0	4	-3	4	4		1		1		0							



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"DRAFT" LIST OF EXISTING AND NEEDED GROUP CAMPING FACILITIES PER CAMPING TASK FORCE 1994 GUIDELINES

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CAMP TYPE	PARK	LOCATION	PRIO	CAPACITY		EX. PARK		NEED PARK		EX.	NEED	EX.	NEED	EX.	NEED	EXIST	NEED	EXIST	NEED	POW	TELE	SEW	ACCESS		SHLTR	HEAD
				RECOM	EXIST	SITE	SITE	SITE	SITE	FGT	FGT	BBQ	BBQ	TAB	TAB	FNT	FNT	NO. OF TOILETS	NO. OF TOILETS	H2O BASIN	H2O BASIN		CAR	BUS		
GRO	DEL VALLE	PUNTA VACA	2	150	50			24	6		10		3		10		3		15		10					
GRO	DEL VALLE	SWALLOW SI	2	150				24	6		10		3		10		3		15		10					
GRO	DEL VALLE	VENADOS	2	150	50		0	24	6		10	3	0	5	5		3		15		10		Y			Y
GRO	DEL VALLE	WILD TURKE	2	150	150			24	6	1	9	1	2	6	4		3		15		10					
GRO	DIABLO FOO	CASTLE ROC	1	150				24	6		10		3		10		3		15		10	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
GRO	GARIN/DRY	ARROYO	2	150	50			24	6	1	9	1	2	5	5		3		15		10					
GRO	GARIN/DRY	MEYERS RAN	3	150				24	6		10		3		10		3		15		10		Y	Y		Y
GRO	GARIN/DRY	SELMECZKI	3	150				24	6		10		3		10		3		15		10					
GRO	LAKE CHABO	FAIRMONT R	3	150				24	6		10		3		10		3		15		10					
GRO	LAKE CHABO	NIKE SITE	3	150				24	6		10		3		10		3		15		10					
GRO	PLEASANTON	NEW SITE	3	100				16	4		7		2		7		2		10		7					
GRO	PLEASANTON	NEW SITE	3	50				8	2		3		1		3		1		5		3					
GRO	REDWOOD	FERN HUT	1	30	30			5	1		2	3	-2	5	-3	1	0		3		2					
GRO	REDWOOD	GIRLS CAMP	1	60	60			10	2	1	3	5	-4	9	-5		1	2	4		4					
GRO	ROBERTS	P.A.L. CAM	3	50				8	2		3		1		3		1		5		3	Y		Y	Y	Y
GRO	SUNOL	HIGH VALLE	2	100	50		0	16	4		7		2	6	1		2		10		7		Y			Y
GRO	SUNOL	LEYDEN FLA	2	100	50			16	4		7		2		7		2		10		7					
GRO	SUNOL	PLOTKINS E	2	150				24	6		10		3		10		3		15		10		Y			
GRO	TILDEN	EQUESTRIAN	1	150				24	6		10		3		10		3		15		10					
GRO	TILDEN	GILLESPIE	1	150	75			24	6		10	6	-3	6	4	1	2	3	12		10		Y	Y	Y	Y



CAMP TYPE	PARK	LOCATION_	PRIO	CAPACITY		EX. PARK		NEED PARK		EX. FGT	NEED FGT	GRP BBQ	GRP. BBQ	EX. NO. TAB	NEED NO. TAB	EX. H2O FNT	NEED H2O FNT	EXIST NO. OF TOILETS	NEED NO. OF TOILETS	EXIST H2O BASIN	NEED H2O BASIN	POW	TELE	SEW	ACCESS		SHLTR	MEAD
				RECOM	EXIST	SITE	SITE	SITE	SITE																CAR	BUS		
GRO	TILDEN	MINERAL SP	2	200	200			32	8		13		4		13		4		20		13				Y	Y		Y
GRO	TILDEN	NEW WOODLA	1	150	150		2	24	4		10	6	-3	9	1	1	2		15		10				Y	Y	Y	
GRO	TILDEN	WILDCAT VI	1	150	75			24	6		10	6	-3	12	-2	3	0		15		10				Y	Y	Y	Y
GRO	WILCAT CAN	EQUESTRIAN	1	150	50			24	6		10		3		10		3		15		10							
GRO	WILDCAT CA	ALVARADO	1	150				24	6		10		3		10		3		15		10		Y		Y			Y

## BAY AREA CAMPING SURVEY

### PUBLICLY OWNED & OPERATED CAMPS

#### Purpose

The purpose of the survey was to gain data on publicly owned camps in the 9 county bay area in order to assist the East Bay Regional Park District in the development of a long range plan for camping on District lands. A by-product of the study will be a published listing of camp areas. We sought a 100% response from public agencies with camps.

#### Methodology

The survey of local, state and federal agencies in the 9 county bay area produced a list of available public camp opportunities, as well as comparative data on the distribution of publicly owned and operated camping areas.

Reported opportunities were tabulated by county and by region. The East Bay Region includes Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. The South Bay Region includes Santa Clara County. The Peninsula Region includes San Francisco and San Mateo Counties. The North Bay Region includes Marin, Sonoma, Napa and Solono Counties.

The survey instrument was mailed/faxed to state and federal agencies, cities, counties and special districts in the survey area. The mailed survey was followed with a telephone interview if the survey was not answered within the specified time frame.

The survey instrument asked for the following information:

1. Agency, Camp name, Camp phone number
2. When does your program/camp operate?
3. Is the Camp open: week days? week ends? all week? What are the hours of operation?
4. Is the camp accredited? What is the name of the accreditation organization?  
Would you be interested in being involved in creating a public agency camp accreditation organization?
5. In what county is the Camp located?
6. How many discrete camp sites do you provide in each of these categories:  
Family camp, Group camp, Backpack/trekking camp, Resident camp, Day camp, Equestrian camp, Other?
7. Are you at capacity at any time on a consistent basis?
8. When are you at Capacity?



9. Indicate your user fees.
10. List major user groups.

## Responses

Thirty eight agencies, indicating camps or programs in 65 park areas, responded.

The ratio of family camp sites to population indicates that the east bay region offers slightly fewer opportunities than the bay area as a whole. There are 4112 people per family camp site in the entire 9 county area. There are 5650 people per family camp site in the east bay region.

Seventeen agencies in the east bay region responded. Of these agencies, only 3 reported family or group camps, totaling 354 and 51 sites respectively.

The East Bay Municipal Utility District reported one camp opportunity, a day camp.

No publicly owned resident camps were reported in the entire 9 county area. Most resident camps are most likely operated by non-profit organizations such as churches and youth groups.

Table 1 identifies the number of each type of publicly owned camp in the entire 9 county area. Table 2 categorizes each type of camp by region.

### 1. Total Camps By Type

Family Camp Sites	1408
Group Camp Sites	78
Backpack/Trek Camp Sites	90
Resident Camp Units	10
Day Camp Programs	105 *
Equestrian Camps	3

### 2. Camp Type by Region

Region:	Family Camps	Group Camps	Back/Trek Camps	Resident Camps	Day Camp *	Equestrian Camps
East Bay	354	51	11	0	47	2
Peninsula	263	7	23	0	20	1
South Bay	295	16	6	0	16	0
North Bay	557	4	50	0	20	0

The data collected for day camps suggest that many agencies did not respond to this category. Most of the day camp programs offered are seasonal in nature and offered as a theme experience in a local setting. Those responding reported both sites and programs, therefore the data does not allow a conclusion to be drawn as to number of day camp sites. Typically, local agencies provide day camps on neighborhood parks and school sites. Some agencies do utilize East Bay Regional Park District sites.

Day camps reporting operated almost exclusively during the summer months, Monday through Friday. A few held abbreviated sessions during Easter break.

Nearly all family, group and trek camps operate year round, seven days a week.

Only three camps reported being accredited. Further review of those camps indicated a probable misunderstanding of the term. It is believed that none of the camps responding are actually accredited. 58% of those responding indicated no interest in creation of a public agency, camp accreditation program.

Twenty one percent of those responding indicated that their camp was at capacity on a consistent basis, usually during the summer.

Overnight camp fees, for a family and one car, ranged from free to \$25 per night.



## PUBLIC OPINIONS AND ATTITUDES ON OUTDOOR RECREATION IN CALIFORNIA- 1992

This summary is taken from the State Department of Parks and Recreation report of findings from the 1992 public opinion survey which included the California Outdoor Recreation Telephone Survey and the Youth's Outdoor Recreation (mail) Survey.

The 1992 data contain several findings of significance to providers of Regional Park facilities and programs:

- 76.3% of California residents believe that outdoor recreation areas and facilities are important to their quality of life.
- 68.1% prefer natural, undeveloped, nature oriented parks and recreation areas.

### ATTITUDES CONCERNING OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS AND FACILITIES

- 69.6% agree more outdoor recreation areas and facilities are needed in or near large cities.
- 94.4% agree that protection of the natural environment is an important aspect of outdoor recreation areas.
- 69.3% feel that recreation areas and facilities in California are often too crowded when I want to use them.
- 63.4% agree that facilities and programs for special populations ...elderly, very poor, or disabled should be increased.
- 23.8% feel recreation areas and facilities attract undesirable people and activities.
- 73.7% agree that recreation areas and facilities can create jobs and spending in the community, helping its economy.
- 65.2% feel there should be better regulation of behavior, rules, and laws in parks, which would make my experience more comfortable and safe.
- 82.7% agree the federal govt. should continue to give financial assistance to local and state agencies for parks and outdoor recreation areas.
- 86.3% agree the state should continue to give financial aid to local agencies for outdoor recreation.
- 92.1% feel the quality of the natural setting is an important factor in my enjoyment of outdoor recreation areas.
- 78.3% agree that wetlands are of substantial ecological and recreational importance and should be protected by the government.

### THE FOLLOWING TEN MOST IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES HAVE STRONG PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC AGENCY EXPENDITURES TO MEET CALIFORNIANS LATENT OR UNMET RECREATIONAL DEMANDS.

- WALKING
- TRAIL HIKING
- BICYCLING (on paved surfaces)
- CAMPING IN DEVELOPED SITES
- CAMPING IN PRIMITIVE AREAS
- GENERAL NATURE STUDY, WILDLIFE VIEWING
- USE OF OPEN GRASS OR TURF AREAS
- BEACH ACTIVITIES
- FISHING (freshwater)
- VISITING MUSEUMS, HISTORIC SITES

**ATTITUDES-toward changes to park and recreation facilities and services**

- 60.7% Approve providing more educational programs and services in park and outdoor recreation areas.
- 80.0% Approve construction of more simple campgrounds with picnic tables, cold water, and restrooms.
- 67.6% Approve stronger enforcement of laws and regulations which deal with public use and behavior in parks and recreation areas.
- 73.3% Approve developing more horseback riding, hiking, and/or mountaing biking trails.
- 68.5% Approve an increase in the number of wilderness type areas
- 66.2% Approve providing more open space in urban areas.

**Californians (both adults and youth) spend one or more days per year in each of the following activities:**

Activity	% Participation	Average number days	Participant days (ave.)
Walking	88.0%	103.8	118.0
Trail hiking	54.8	9.9	18.1
Bicycling	45.8	23.1	50.5
Mountain biking	14.6	4.1	28.3
Horseback riding	15.6	3.7	23.4
Jogging and running	30.6	17.6	57.4
Camping (dev. sites)	53.9	8.4	15.6
Camping (primitive)	25.8	3.5	13.7
Nature/wildife view	56.0	14.5	28.9
Use of turf areas	66.9	19.8	29.5
Picnicking	63.9	10.4	16.3
Beach activities	69.4	14.6	21.1
Swimming (pools)	46.8	12.6	26.9
Swimming (beaches)	52.1	10.2	19.6
Fishing (Saltwater)	24.9	3.7	14.8
Fishing (Freshwater)	38.2	9.5	24.8
Museum/historic sites	75.7	7.2	9.6

**California youth (age 8 to 17) spend one or more days per year in each of the following activities:**

Activity	% Participation	Average number days
Walking	89.5%	94.7
Trail hiking	67.0	7.4
Bicycling	89.5	61.0
Mountain biking	28.5	5.8
Horseback riding	29.9	3.0
Jogging and running	81.1	51.8
Camping (dev. sites)	57.8	2.5
Camping (primitive)	30.2	1.5
Nature/wildife view	69.2	8.5
Use of turf areas	93.2	57.5
Picnicking	83.4	8.3
Beach activities	81.8	11.0
Swimming (pools)	85.7	27.7
Swimming (beaches)	70.9	8.5
Fishing (Saltwater)	25.8	2.3
Fishing (Freshwater)	46.8	4.7
Museum/historic sites	80.9	5.5



## CAMPING TASK FORCE TOUR - 7/17/93

- Anthony Chabot - General: Need tree replacement program for eucalyptus
- Family Camp Area - Also has R.V. and equestrian areas  
- Add cooking areas for equestrian site  
- Equestrian site needs water line run  
- Add 3± more restrooms w/showers to general area  
- Add path to restrooms for equestrian area  
- Improve shelter at equestrian site  
- Hitch line or individual corrals for equestrians  
- Add lake overlook Family Camp Sites  
- Need a camp store
- Group Camps  
(Lost Ridge,  
Hawk Ridge,  
Lookout Ridge,  
El Venado,  
Two Rocks) - All need more shelters  
- Add flush toilets w/showers  
- Add sinks and dishwashing areas  
- Need better parking access, improved roads  
- Need paved trails for bikes (wider)  
- Check ACA standards  
- All lend themselves to day camps if improved
- Bort Meadow - Add small barbecue pits (1 per 10-15)  
- Need flush toilets w/showers (ACA standard)  
- Add 3 shelters  
- Add telephones
- Lost Ridge - Potential backpack/trek camp
- Redwood
- Fern Hut - Day and group camp area  
- Add small group barbecues  
- Add restrooms  
- Improve parking (closer)  
- Need telephone access
- Mill Site - Add cooking barbecues for small groups  
- Add showers  
- Add 1 shelter  
- Additional parking  
- Add tables

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- Girls Camp
- Need small group cooking areas and barbecues
  - Add showers
  - Need shelter building
  - Improve parking
  - Trek site?
  - Add tables

### Tilden

- Gillespie
- Day and group camps
  - Add small group cooking facilities
  - Add restrooms w/showers (see ACA standards)
  - Need 1 shelter
  - Good access
  - Need telephone
  - Add more tables
  - *off-site parking needed*

- New Woodland
- Day and group campsite

- Blue Gum
- Day and group campsite
  - Need shelter



## CAMPING TASK FORCE TOUR - 8/1/93

### Garin

- Arroyo Flats
  - Day and group camp
  - Add small group cooking facilities
  - Needs a shelter
  - Close to lake
  - Grass meadow potential
  - Nearly ready to go - check ACA standards
  - Backpack/trek camp and equestrian camp potential?
- Meyers Homestead Site
  - Group camp potential - excellent
  - Add cooking facilities
  - Imported water
  - Needs restrooms and showers
  - Pave the road
  - Needs telephone
- Selmecski
  - Potential backpack/trek site? (did not visit)
- Blacks Creek
  - R.V. potential? (did not visit)

### Mission Peak

- McClure Valley
  - Equestrian, backpack/trekking camp
  - Add individual and small group cooking facilities
  - Improve potable water source
  - Add restrooms (chemical)
  - Add small storm shelter
  - Add telephone
  - Needs more trees
  - Supervision on site

### Del Valle

- Resident Camp/Conference Retreat
  - Potential on west bank or at the dam
- Group, Day, Family Camps
  - Expansion and new development potential at Hetch Hetchy, Venados
  - Many areas potential, review Master Plan
  - Maximize small group potential, 50-75 people
  - Most areas need water, restrooms and shelter added
- R.V. Camps
  - Great demand
  - Check Master Plan for additional areas

## CAMPING TASK FORCE TOUR - 8/15/93

### Camp Equipment Needs

1. Standard facilities for camper units for 50-person camp (5 units)
  - a. Cooking materials for each unit of 10-15 children w/adult leaders
    - Combined fire circle and barbecue pit for each unit
    - Campfire circle for large group
  - b. Tables: 1 standard picnic table for each unit
2. Restrooms - 1 for each 30 campers (or 2 for 50 campers)
  - washbasins and water near restroom
3. 1 Drinking fountain and water faucet
4. Vehicles - 1 (one adult) per 5 campers (2 vehicles near camp for supplies, and parking for the remainder away from campsite)
5. Fees - Resolve the per day/per camper fee vs. the park entry fee (\$4 per car fee) issue at kiosk parks

### Garin

- Arroyo - Needs 5 fire circle barbecues
- Meyers - All standard facilities for 50 people and 2-acre meadow
- Selmecski - Standard facilities for 50 people  
Needs 1-acre meadow

### Sunol

- High Valley - Needs standard facilities for 50 people
- Camp - Move campsite away from the road (over by East Side)
  - Needs use connection with the barn

### Del Valle

- East Lake shore road access:
  - Needs "paving" (rock) and 2" water main with water tanks above Hetch Hetchy and Venados
- Hetch Hetchy
  - 2 acre meadow
  - Shelter?
  - Standard facilities for 50 people
- Venados
  - 1 acre meadow
  - Shelter?
  - Standard facilities for 50 people



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- Cedar Camp
  - 1 acre meadow with water to site
  - Shelter?
  - Standard facilities for 50 people
- Wild Turkey and Punta Vaca
  - Upgrade with meadows and tree planting
  - Pave parking for vehicle areas
  - Chip group areas
- Public brochure needs to promote camping with information about group facilities, i.e., how many tables, group capacity, etc.
- Develop major camping brochure for all youth groups
- EBRPD is not currently known as the camping "place"
- Lease land to significant youth or camp organizations and let them develop and operate the site

cc  
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CTFTour.93/Ops #4

From: Kathy Goldstein, Girl Scout representative from LAVA

To : EBRPD Camping Task Force

Re: Guidelines for Girl Scout Camping

Facility Requirements for Girl Scout troop camping:

1. Telephone access in case of emergency
2. Drive in access (even if limited to one car, in case of emergency)
3. Piped water from a supply located 300 ft. from pit toilets or leach field
4. Toilets in a ratio of 1:20 people for day use, 1:10 people for overnight use  
Toilets should be screened, ventilated, partitioned for privacy, have lighting at night, separate male/female facilities unless individual units, self closing doors, tight fitting lids, wheelchair accessible, adjacent hand washing facility and located with 50 yards of sleeping area.
5. Fire rings or grills must be located in an area that is relatively level, cleared of brush, stumps and low overhanging branches.
6. Refuse receptacles

The following are not required but would be highly desirable for group camping:

storage cabinets  
picnic tables 1 per 10 campers  
fire pit or stone fireplace rather than the standard sized grill on a post  
shade either natural or man made

For use by a Day Camp:

tent platform or screened structure for a First Aid station  
locking metal cabinet for storage of medications  
storage shed for equipment  
parking lot

Locations:

Day Camp and/or group sites at Shadow Cliffs  
Group sites and Family camping at Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park  
Improved location for group sites at Sunol Regional Wilderness

## Girl Scout Camping Needs

### Types Of Camping Done By Girl Scouts

1. Troop Camping: 8-35 Campers
  - a.) Done in family or group camp grounds.
  - b.) Cooking is done as one large group - one cooking facility is required.
  - c.) One or two leaders in charge and other adult chaperons are on site.
2. Camporees: 50-300 Campers
  - a.) Done in group campgrounds.
  - b.) Cooking is done in "troop" units of 8-30 campers-one cooking facility per troop is needed.
  - c.) There are 2 camporee directors in charge and other adult chaperons in a ratio of 1/15 adults to campers.
3. Backpacking: 5-20 Campers
  - a.) Done wherever backpacking is allowed -4 to 6 mile distances between sites are ideal.
  - b.) Cooking is done on portable stoves in small groups.
  - c.) At least 2 adult leaders are present.
4. Day Camping: 60-200 Campers
  - a.) Done at picnic or group camp sites.
  - b.) Cooking is done in groups of 10-30 campers and is often a large part of the camp's program.
  - c.) There are 2 volunteer directors and additional volunteer staff at a ratio of 1/15.

A list of Camping Standards as they apply to Girl Scouts is attached.

A list of camp site locations in the EBRP and their specific upgrades is also attached. This includes only sites which we have visited personally.

In general the "Core" facilities as recommended for 50 campers in the "A Beginning List of Campground Opportunities For EBRP" are workable upgrades for all sites listed. The more amenities a site has the more it will get used.

Compiled by: Cathy Terry, Candice McCorkel, Kathy Goldstein 11/93 ( Girl Scout Volunteers).



## Camp Equipment Needs

### Del Valle Regional Park:

#### Ardilla

Estimated capacity 50

Water piped to site - 1 spigot and drinking fountain

4 -5 toilets

4 fire circle barbecues

1 large campfire circle

Repair or replace 3 tables

Upgrade road and provide parking area for 2 cars at the site.

Note: the road coming from Lichen Bark picnic area towards Ardilla contains an extremely sharp turn which couldn't be negotiated by a conventional car.

Phone access?

#### Cedar Camp

Estimated capacity 60

Water piped to site - 1 spigot and drinking fountain

Add 4 toilets

Add 4 fire circle barbecues

1 large campfire circle

Permit parking for 2 cars at site, additional cars in Service Yard.

Phone access?

#### Punta Vaca

Estimated capacity 80

Water piped to site, 2 spigots, 1 drinking fountain

7 toilets

5 fire circle barbecues

1 large campfire circle

Selter or sunscreen

Limit parking lot to accommodate 18-20 cars

Plant trees and bushes near road

#### Wild Turkey

Estimated capacity 100

Add 2 spigots and drinking fountains

Add 8 toilets

Add 1 table, relocate existing tables spread throughout the site.

Plant trees, grass or wood chips for dust control?

I followed Girl Scout Camping guidelines in preparing the estimates for toilets (1/10 overnight campers).

## Safety Guidelines for Camporees

(Also known as Community Camping Events)

Compiled from Safety-Wise and Girl Scout Camping Guidelines

"As Girl Scout Program keeps pace with an ever-changing world, health and safety remain cornerstones of the Girl Scout movement. Sound health and safety principles must always permeate every Girl Scout activity. Safety should be planned, respected, and practiced by all. This does not necessarily imply burdens or restrictions. When Girl Scout members learn about safety, more activities are at their command. When safe practices are followed, participants can feel relaxed. While one can never guarantee "total safety," it is possible to manage risk so as to reduce unnecessary risk."

Camporees present a special challenge in safety planning. We must be concerned with the safety factors related to the site itself, safety considerations related to all of the activities, and safety factors related to getting to and from the site. Safety-Wise should be consulted often, as well as this sheet. Also, plans should be discussed with Council staff.

1. Parental permissions are required for participation in all Girl Scout activities beyond the regular time and/or place of a troop/group meeting. Along with this permission, a health history signed by the parent is required for participation in a camporee. Health histories should also be obtained on all adults.
2. The following activity check points in Safety-Wise should be carefully reviewed by both planners and participants:

(PLEASE NOTE that despite what is stated in Safety-Wise, San Francisco Bay Girl Scout Council does not allow the use of liquid fuel stoves or lanterns (except for advanced backpacking groups). Use of butane and propane is OK. The use of charcoal lighter fuel is also not allowed.)

**a ) Troop Camping (p. 118)**

Special points to consider: -fire protection, -garbage disposal, and  
-minimal environmental impact

**b ) Cooking, Food Preparation, and Cleaning (p. 81)**

Special points to consider: -care of perishable foods,  
-general food storage (critter protection),  
-dish washing, and -safe drinking water

**c ) Cooking Fires (p. 83)**

Special points to consider: -site & size (a little goes a long way),  
-safety equipment, and -how to put out

**d ) Portable Cookstoves (p. 94)**

Special points to consider: -safety equipment, and -storage of fuel

**e ) Any other activities which may be offered or encouraged**

Examples might be: -Hiking (p. 86), -Arts & Crafts (p. 61),  
-Sports (p. 107), -Swimming (p. 109)

If an activity is not listed in Safety-Wise, permission must be obtained from the Council, before offering it.

Also archery is considered a high risk activity. Permission must be obtained from the Council before advertising this program.

\*Safety-Wise, Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., 1993 p. 7.

3. Transportation to and from the camporee site is always an area of concern. Planners and adult participants should review the section called "Choosing Transportation" (p. 134). This is included in the chapter titled "Planning Trips with Girl Scouts."

Special points to consider: requirements for private passenger vehicles  
special vehicles (RV - campers)  
busses ) Permission from Council  
leased or rented vehicles ) must be obtained.

It is important to remember that all girls must be in a seat, in a safe vehicle designed to carry passengers, and be provided with a properly working seatbelt. (unless they are traveling in a commercial bus). Private vehicles should be properly registered, insured and well maintained and vehicle operators should be adults who are properly licensed).

### **Camping Guidelines Applying to Camporees**

Girl Scout Camping Guidelines is a publication of Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., containing "the essential information to ensure high-quality program experiences under conditions that protect and maintain the health, safety, and security of all girls in Girl Scout camps" (p. 5). This includes all types of Girl Scout camps - short term, as well as long term.

1. All Girl Scout camping programs should:

- a ) Provide opportunities for girl planning and for girl initiated activities.
- b ) Foster understanding and appreciation of individual differences, group cooperation, and differing cultural values.
- c ) Promote social development.
- d ) Provide an opportunity to develop an understanding of, appreciation for, and sense of responsibility for the natural environment.
- e ) Provide the opportunity for girls to assume responsibility for daily living tasks.
- f ) Provide activities and safe equipment suitable to age, ability, and size of participants.

2. All girls and adults should be trained in safety procedures for all activities offered.

3. Training should be provided for camporee staff (people with over-all responsibilities - not necessarily troop/group leaders). This should be 1 day long and include:

- a ) orientation to site
- b ) job responsibilities
- c ) program procedures
- d ) accident and emergency procedures - these should be practiced as well as discussed.

4. Camporees should take place on a site approved by the Council. A written agreement must be obtained from the site owner for any site not owned by the Council.

5. Girl Scout Basic Accident Insurance covers events lasting two consecutive nights or fewer (a third night is covered for official federal holidays). If an event is longer, additional insurance must be purchased through the Council. If any participants are not registered as Girl Scouts (parents, siblings, etc.), insurance must be purchased to cover them for the event.



6. All tents used for sleeping must be fire retardant. No stoves, heaters, or lanterns with a flame should be used inside tents.
7. Latrines should be provided in the ratio of 1/10 participants. If possible, these should be located within 15-50 yards of sleeping areas, health center, and areas of heavy usage on site. (This is especially possible if additional portable toilets are being rented.)
8. Emergency procedures should be written and provided to all staff and adult participants. These should include:
 

a ) fire - including evacuation routes	e ) earthquakes
b ) medical emergencies	f ) site hazards
c ) lost camper or staff	g ) public places
d ) intruder	h ) Lyme Disease.

A Fire Drill should be held during the event. Adult staff should discuss other emergency procedures with campers.
9. Arrangements should be made in advance with hospitals, clinics, paramedics, rangers, etc. notifying them of the presence of the group. Emergency transportation should be available at all times, provided either by camporee or by an on call arrangement with local community emergency services.
10. Camporee Directors should have a listing of all participants once the event has begun. This should include name, address, and emergency telephone numbers.
11. A health supervisor should oversee all health care and first aid treatment. The health supervisor should have the following qualifications:
  - Licensed physician or
  - Licensed Registered Nurse or
  - EMT (Emergency Medical Technician)

or

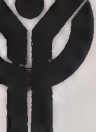
If camporee has less than 200 participants, has an emergency response time of 15 minutes or less and does not involve high risk activities = a trained Level I First Aider.

or

If camporee has more than 200 participants, has an emergency response time of greater than 15 minutes, or involves high risk activities = a Trained Level II First Aider.

  - a ) Health Supervisor should be involved in the care of all medical emergencies. Accident reports should be completed on all injuries requiring medical care away from the camporee site - or with the potential to require medical follow-up care.
  - b ) Emergency health and first aid "center" should be maintained on the site with a qualified first aider and CPR person present at all times. This center should be quiet, protected from the elements and have access to water for drinking and cleaning. There should be one "bed" available for every 50 campers and staff. The center should be visible at night by a light or luminescent sign. (The center can be as rustic as a tent, tarp, etc. - and a bed can be as simple as a sleeping bag with room to roll it out.)
  - c ) First aid equipment should be located in group areas, health center, and program areas.
  - d ) Campers and staff should be screened by troop/group leaders before leaving for camporee. Persons with a contagious disease should not attend.

- e ) Health care plan should be developed before the camporee and should be shared with troop/ group leaders. Decisions should be made as to which level of care will be provided by which people, whether first aiders are to be required to accompany each group attending, who will provide first aid equipment, and who is responsible for recording medical care and first aid treatment.
  - f ) Medical care and first aid treatment must be recorded in a bound book that has preprinted page numbers and lined pages (no lines are skipped, all notations are in ink). This book may be used from year to year or event to event until it is full. It should be turned into Council when completed - or immediately if there is a serious injury.
  - g ) All medication (prescriptions & non-prescriptions) brought by campers and staff should be kept in a locked place and dispensed only under the specific directions of a licensed physician or under written instructions from parent or guardian.
  - h ) Groups leaving the main site for hikes or other program activities should have a first aid kit and qualified first aider in attendance.
- 12 . The Council Crisis Plan should be put into effect for any real or potential crisis. Camporee Directors should have the telephone numbers of Association personnel and/or Council personnel.
- 13 . If campers with special needs are attending the event, camporee staff should check with the Council Program Dept. for information on additional needs for supervision and training.




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September 20, 1993

MEMO

TO: East Bay Regional Parks Task Force  
FR: Debi Badger, Community Program Director   
YMCA of the East Bay/Oakland Branch  
RE: Summer Day Camp Operational Needs

Provisions for the operation of a summer day camp program within the East Bay Regional Parks District MUST include the following:

1. Be bus accessible.
2. Have restroom facilities (toilet and sink)  
recommend: 1 facility for every 10 children
3. Accessible drinking water.
4. Shelter for rainy and hot days.  
Within the shelter, storage for supplies.
5. Phone accessible.
6. Refuse receptacles.

In order to develop a well-rounded summer day camp program, it would be nice to develop a variety of program areas such as:

1. Hiking trails for nature walks and hikes.
2. An area for archery.
3. A basketball and volleyball court.
4. A ropes course area.
5. A fire ring for an all camp gathering at the beginning and close of the camp day.
6. Some outside picnic tables for arts and crafts.

The Greater Oakland YMCA would conceivably utilize the above facility for approximately one hundred twenty campers during the summer months for eleven to twelve weeks.

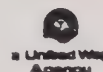
The YMCA will be seeking American Camping Association Accreditation for summer day camp programs in the future and it will be expected that all site facilities meet these standards.

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*The mission of the YMCA of the East Bay is to provide high quality human service programs,  
using Christian values, that build a healthy body, mind and spirit for all.*





lunches and rode from site to site and the gear truck and caterer met the riders at pre-arranged locations. A latrine would be dug at the camp site or existing facilities would be used. Those who wished to do so would bring sun showers which the support crew would set out to get warm. This can be a relatively expensive form of camping. Yet it is not as expensive as having a professional packer use pack animals to haul gear and feed to support the riders.

At one time we hauled bales of hay for the horses on the progressive ten-day rides. Later we started using alfalfa cubes, which were much less bulky to haul, left much less waste feed, and were much easier to clean up when we broke camp.

~~A~~ variation of this sort of camping is to set up a week long base camp from which loop rides are made. Sometimes individuals are responsible for their own meals or other times a caterer might be hired to provide meals for the group. Again, the horsemen are fairly self-contained and self-supporting as far as camping gear, horse gear, water, and feed. Porta-potties would be rented for the week-long base camps.

### III.

With regard to facilities in the East Bay Regional Park District, I know that some groups put on endurance rides in some of the district's parks which generally involve overnight camping at the starting/ending point of the ride, such as Bort Meadow, or Las Trampas. Also, some individual clubs like to reserve Bort Meadow for a two-day or three-day weekend trip in which they will have a base camp at Bort Meadow and make loop rides from there to explore the nearby trails.

Facilities such as the horse camp in Ohlone Wilderness which were spaced anywhere from 10 to 20 miles apart, which would allow progressive rides through a series of parks, might be something which would be attractive to a certain number of equestrians. It seems that it is more often groups from outside of the district who choose to camp overnight in our parks. Local equestrians can explore the trails on a day use basis, and if they wish to camp they will generally go to an area that is a little less familiar or that has attractive scenery which is somewhat more inaccessible than our local parks. But there are some users who would like to make longer distance rides who might like to have pre-arranged food and gear drops which they could then ride to on horseback. Heritage Trails Fund was trying to arrange a four-day ride in the District a couple of years ago, but did not get a sufficiently large response to justify the effort and expense. Most of those who expressed interest did not live in the immediate area. I know that local riders like to go to Stewart Horse Camp in Marin or Jack Brooks in San Mateo for a weekend or overnight trip, and riders from outside this area like to use Bort Meadow.

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15 September 1993

From: Hobie Woods

To: EBRP Camping Task Force

Subj: EBRP Special Use Permit System; recommendation for

1. Background. Various organizations desire to establish seasonal and year around organized camps on East Bay Regional Parks lands. Many of these organizations have the resources and capability to fund and develop the required facilities but the cost of acquiring the land within the urban East Bay area is prohibitive. The major concern for organizations developing organized camp facilities on East Bay Regional Park land will be the ability to recover the investment of the construction costs of the facilities. The organization should be given sufficient use period of the constructed or some type of "buy back" guarantee from the district to safeguard their investment.

2. Precedent. The US Forest Service has established a system of special use permits to allow organizations to lease land for the development of organized camps within the national forests. The system allows youth serving organizations, public entities, private clubs and private (for profit) camps to construct facilities on national forest lands. Many of the currently operating organized camps in the Sierras operate under these permits, including:

- Camp Winton (BSA)
- Sugarpine (GSUSA)
- Two Sentinals (GSUSA)
- Skylake Yosemite (for profit)
- Mountain Camp II (for profit)
- Montecito Sequoia (for profit)

3. Policy. The specific uses are covered by 16 U.S.C 472, 497b, 551, 1134, 3210 and 30 U.S.C. 1740, 1761-1771. These US Code sections are explained in 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Ch. 11 251.50 to 251.65. The specific US Forest Service regulations are included in the Forest Service Manual (FSM) sections 2720-2722 (23 pages).

4. Point of Contact. The point of contact in the Pacific Southwest Region (San Francisco) is Mark Dymkoski (telephone - 415-705-2893).

5. Recommendation. It is recommended that the East Bay Regional Park District develop a system of allowing special use permits for public, non-profit and for-profit organizations that desire to develop facilities for organization camps on East Bay Regional Parks land. It is also recommended that these permits be issued for a thirty year period with ten year renewal periods after the initial period of thirty years.



June, 1993

TO: EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

FROM: JACKIE PEEL, Consultant,  
Easter Seal Camping Programs

RE: CAMPING TASK FORCE

Provisions for a residential camping facility within the East Bay Regional Park District should include the following:

1. Be totally accessible for the disabled.
2. Shelter can be in cabins, bunk houses or tent cabins. (Ramped)
3. Bathrooms, showers.
4. Infirmary
5. Kitchen/food storage facility
6. Mess Hall/activity center
7. Water activities...natural body of water for water sports, or swimming pool.
8. Campfire pit
9. Sports activity areas: archery, baseball, basketball, horseshoes, etc.
10. Telecommunication...whether regular telephone or cellular if usable in area.
11. Electricity is #1 choice, propane #2.

The facility should be available year-round for sponsor groups who would reserve their activity dates, ie., weekend camps, week-long camps, etc.

The camp site should seek accreditation from the American Camping Association. By adhering to these respected standards and ratios, the site will place itself in a good marketing position for sponsor groups to utilize the facilities.

Costs of facilities are difficult to determine until the site/area is known, ie, costs would be considerably less if a current site was expanded into a residential camping facility, such as Castle Rock Park. This site has everything but the overnight shelters.



# MOUNT DIABLO COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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## Previous Cub Scout Day Camps

Number of Cub Day Camps in 1991.....8

Attendance for 1991 Cub Day Camp.....1,050

Sites used for 1991 Cub Day Camps:

- 4 Camps at Sugar Loaf Open Space, Walnut Creek
- 2 Camps at Antioch High School, Antioch
- 1 Camp at Naval Weapon Station, Concord
- 1 Camp at Boys Scout Camp Herms, Berkley

Fee: \$45.00

From this fee we pay health and liability insurance, equipment and supplies, training of camp staff, camp patch, camp tee shirt, advancement certificates and site fees. Our staff members are all volunteers.

Sites that we have used over the past years:

- Mt. Diablo High School, Concord
- California High School, San Ramon
- Christian School, Larkey Park, Walnut Creek
- Marsh Creek Springs, Clayton
- Sugar Loaf Open Space, Walnut Creek
- Cowell Park, Concord



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### **1992 Cub Day Camp Site Requirements**

- Demand for Cub Day Camps requires increasing from 8 to 10 Camps
- Secured camp site area with controlled public access
- Adequate shelter for inclement weather
- 30-45 minute driving time from Central Contra Costa County
- Water for drinking and washing
- Toilet facilities adequate for 150 male and female (1 per 30 campers/staff)
- Area for Camp Office, First Aid Station and locked storage area for equipment
- Electricity
- Emergency telephone for Camp Office
- Area adequate for Archery
- Area adequate for field sports
- Tables for Den Area ( 2 at each site)
- Shade Trees in Den Areas
- Swimming
- Garbage disposal ( hauled away)



CUB SCOUT COMMITTEE  
LAND & FACILITIES USE COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 1992

### DAY CAMP

*During the years 1985-89, attendance at Cub Scout Day Camps declined from approximately 1,175 to 984. During the 1990, as well as the 1991 day camp, we have been able to reverse the decline of attendance. This reversal was due to a better promotion plan and our ability to recruit higher caliber and committed volunteers to deliver a quality program. We are currently serving 20% of our Cub Scouts in Day Camps. National Standards of Day Camp is 30%.*

*The Cub Scout Committee feels that we can serve 30% of available Cub Scouts in a day camp setting within five years. The figures will be skewed with the introduction of Resident Cub Camping.*

*Using the Membership Study Work Sheet of the Council Long Range Plan, the projected membership for Cub Scouting is 7,144 in 1994 and 7,449 in 2005. If those figures are true, we would then serve 2,143 in Day Camp in 1994 and 2,235 in 2005.*

*At this time the average daily attendance at 1991 was 132 youth per day. (This is 1063 divided by eight (8) day camps) To prepare for 1994, we must extend day camp season or add number of camps offered during day camp season.*

*To serve 30% of Cub Scouts in 1994, we need to be prepared for an average daily attendance of 267 day campers. In 2005, the average daily attendance is projected at 279 day campers.*

*To accomplish the average daily figures, the following needs must be met:*

- 1. A site, whether a park, school or council-owned must be located to serve those numbers of campers.*
- 2. Since the projections represent serving two times as many, plus of our day campers, additional program equipment must be secured.*
- 3. Addressing the volunteer vs. paid staff question.*

### FAMILY CAMPAIGN

*In 1990, the National Council gave responsibility of administration of Family Camping Association to local Councils.*

*The B.S.A. formed the Family Camping Association to help local Councils expand their camping facilities to families in their local Councils as well as throughout the United States. Cub Scouting believes family camping best fits this early program levels.*

Family Camping in local council camps may be approved for individual families, groups of families, or Cub Scout Pack families, at the option of the Council.

Some examples of Family Camping follow:

*\*Dad and Lad, Mom and Me, Parent-Pal*

*--Overnight experience takes place at a Council camp*

*--Parent and son spend quality family time*

*--Together, parents and sons share outdoor adventure with other Cub Scouts/Webelos Scouts and parents*

*\*Entire Family*

*--Family works and plays together*

*--Everyone shares this inexpensive family vacation*

*--Family members enjoy each other at the organized campsite*

*--Each person discovers our Country's natural beauty*

Currently, we don't have a facility through which we can offer or implement this program.

#### RESIDENT CAMPING

In 1987, the BSA approved resident camping for Cub Scouts as part of a Council's outdoor program. Resident camping consists of 2 or more nights in an established Scout Camp owned or operated by the Council during the normal summer camping season.

Resident camping includes the following outdoor program areas:

*\*Showmanship*

*\*Fitness*

*\*Sportsmanship*

*\*Craftsmanship*

*\*Campcraft*

*\*Nature*

*\*Waterfront*

Each year Councils change their overall theme to offer different adventures. Themes include: Sea Adventure, Space Adventure, Athletes, Knights, Indians and Pioneers, Folklore, and the World Around Us.

Specific national standards for accreditation have been developed and must be maintained by the local Council.

Examples of Councils who are currently offering resident camping:

*\*Southwest Michigan Council, Kalamazoo, Mich.*

*--In 1989, 5,916 Cub Scouts enrolled in Council, 28.1% of youth age population.*

*--In 1988, opened a new Cub Scout resident camp, where Cub Scouts spend 3 days and 2 nights. They live as Plains Indians in an Indian Village or as Mountainmen in a trapper's village, or as pioneers of the 1800's in a frontier*

village.

--During 1989 camping season over 1,800+ campers were served, which represents 30.4% of Cub Scouts at resident camp.

--Adult-to-boy camp ratio was one to three

*\*Fort Simcoe Council, Union Gap, Washington*

--Council began its resident camp two years ago and has shown phenomenal growth, according to Tom Anderson, Scout Executive.

--Day Camp attendance had been flat for a number of years and resident camp became a method by which to get more Cub Scout in outdoor programs.

--In this particular Council, any Cub Scout can attend either session.

--Fee is \$56 for 4 day, 3 night camp.

--Two sessions are offered: Sunday through Tuesday night, leaving Wednesday a.m.; Session #2 arrives Wednesday p.m. and leaves Saturday a.m.

*\*Evergreen Area Council, Evergreen Washington*

--This Council according to Craig Reide, former Scout Executive, offers a resident camp, however, is open only to Webelos, both first and second year.

--Council has spent considerable dollars to create a Cub Land at Fire Mountain Scout Reservation.

--Day Camp attendance is continuing to grow in the Council due to the growth of the county and limiting Resident Camping attendance to Webelos.

We have been approached by Marin Council, headquartered in San Rafael in the past, but due to high cost and lack of program delivered, our participation has been less than 10 youth.

We have been approached by Silverado Council, headquartered in Vallejo to participate in their Council Resident Camp Program in 1992. This Council has been offering Resident Camping for the last 2 years and has asked us to participate in 1992. We are currently surveying our Cub Scout Packs to solicit their participation. (Flyer Attached)

When the Mt. Diablo Council adopts resident camps, it will take three years to establish a track record as to percentage of Cub Scouts served; however, due to the report of the Councils listed above, as well as from Spokane, Washington (which adopted the Ft. Simcoe Council Plan), growth in outdoor program opportunities are phenomenal.





# Urban Park Concessionaires



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November 15, 1993

Mr. Jerry Kent  
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Dear Jerry,

We are pleased to submit this general plan for tent cabin camping. We are prepared to meet with East Bay Regional Park staff to discuss this summary and to discuss specifics of tent cabin camping in the East Bay Regional Park District system. Myself, Dennis McSweeney, and Marshall Pike have many years of experience in recreational camping, and are prepared to assist you in any way that would be helpful to the District.

The tent cabin camping concept has worked extremely well at Big Basin State Park and we feel it has great potential in the East Bay Regional Park District system. We believe it can offer a valuable recreational camping experience, as well as provide significant revenue to the District.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide input and look forward to further discussions on this concept.

Sincerely,

Chris Senti  
Vice President

cc: Marshall Pike  
Dennis McSweeney  
John Koeberer

# URBAN PARK CONCESSIONAIRES

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### *Tent Cabin Camping*

#### Tent Cabin Camping Summary

The tent cabin concept has been successfully used for many years to provide for the accommodation needs of visitors to natural areas and parks. The primary value lies in the convenience that these structures provide the visitor while not diluting the experience of the campground environment. It is the campground environment with the close proximity of the natural surroundings, the smells of cooking over a cook stove or open fire, the sounds of wildlife, the experience of taking what weather comes your way, i.e. living life at a more elemental level, that attracts thousands of visitors to our parks. Tent cabins make it possible for the handicapped, the inexperienced, the ill equipped or the family that has members which need more than a tent pitched on the ground to enjoy that campground experience.

Under certain circumstances, the tent cabin concept has extended operating seasons and made it possible for families which may have long ago stopped camping to do so again. There is growing interest in camping by foreign visitors. Such visitors however, could not reasonably be expected to bring all of the paraphernalia of camping with them. They too, can be served by the convenience of providing bedding and a rental stove and lantern. Youth groups may also find that the convenience and relative comfort of tent cabins makes it possible to conduct their programs with less "wear and tear" on the adult volunteers.

Tent cabins placed in carefully selected clusters enhance the campground experience for neighbor campers and reduce the expansion of compacted soil caused by the continual placement and removal of tents. The tent platforms themselves are non-permanent by design and once removed allow the complete rehabilitation of the platform area to its natural condition.

#### Description of Typical Construction

- 1) Raised wooden platform approximately 12' by 14' rectangular.
- 2) Wainscot height wooden sides.
- 3) Tent fabric roof, side and end panels. Side panels are screened with roll down flaps for warmth and privacy at night.

- 4) Single door entry is screened with roll down flap. Step up or ramped for H/C accessibility.
- 5) Roof is stretched over a truss structure with 7' headroom. Treated for water repellency.
- 6) Built in sleeping platforms accommodate 4 with a small table built into the foot of one bed and seating opposite (see floor plan).
- 7) Four inch vinyl covered foam sleeping pads are provided, secured to the sleeping platform.
- 8) In cold climate installation or where the season is projected to be year round, a small propane heater or wood burning stove with fire brick hearth is provided.
- 9) Smoke detectors, small cupboards, clothes hooks, etc. can be added. Removeable furnishings are not recommended.

Construction and furnishing cost varies with placement, site work necessary and other factors. Typical cost is \$5500-\$7500 per unit.

### Tent Cabin Area Improvements

Each site should also have a picnic table with storage cupboard and a permanent fire ring or grill installation.

Parking space should be limited to 2 vehicles maximum and the site should be large enough to place a small tent to allow occupancy of up to 8 per site.

Water and trash containers should be within reasonable walking distance from each site.

General restroom and shower requirements should conform to typical ratios for campgrounds. Handicap accessibility and adequate hot water are two key features.

Vehicle traffic patterns should be well established with traffic controls and limitations as with typical campgrounds. Pedestrian and bicycle paths are a plus as well as access to hiking trails and other park activities and amenities.

### Hospitality Features and Personnel

The Tent Cabin program requires more maintenance and housekeeping than the typical campground. The placement of a live in Tent Cabin Host accommodates the more particular needs of the typical tent cabin visitor and allows each unit to be cleaned and prepared for the turnover of occupancy. Additional rental equipment (such as linens, lanterns, stoves) can be provided and maintained by this person. There is also a need for more complete and timely housekeeping of restrooms and showers which on site personnel can provide.



We have found that the presence of a live in Tent Cabin Host makes the guest feel more at ease and keeps the facilities in better shape. The seasonal requirements of painting, waterproofing and general site improvements makes it desirable to have a full time person assigned to this function.

Full reservation services are provided for this type of installation. A 1-800 number staffed during business hours which accommodates advance bookings up to 60 days makes it possible to keep occupancy high, especially during peak periods, without creating a hostile first come first served situation. Convenient and friendly reservation services also make it possible to provide the visitor with important information about the park and any special events or activities which might be upcoming.

### Revenue and Expense Parameters

Our experience operating tent cabins has given us a good window on the typical operating costs and revenue potential for tent cabin installations. We have concluded that a minimum of 30 sites available for the primary period of the spring through fall months will typically yield 3500 to 4500 visitor nights. Our operating ratios and a typical rate of \$38.00 per night would yield a net to the agency of \$4-6 per night. A fund to accommodate maintenance and repair is typically structured into the agency net. Debt service dictates that a minimum of 10 years would be necessary to fully amortize such and installation.

### Urban Park Concessionaire Background

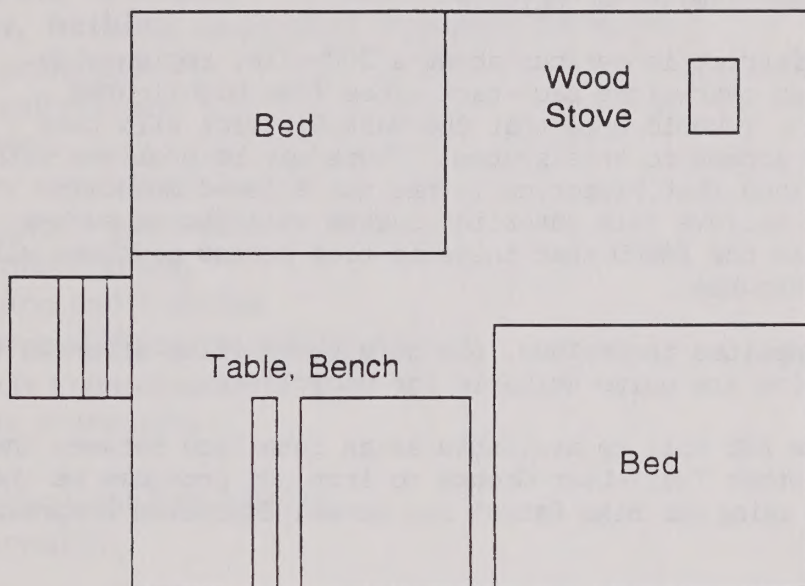
In 1986, UPC proposed and received authorization to provide an experimental tent cabin installation at Big Basin Redwoods State Park. The conversion of one under utilized loop of the Huckleberry Campground was accomplished and the tent cabins were placed on the MISTIX reservation system along with all other campground reservations.

The experiment was conceived to determine if the shoulder season use of the park could be improved by this type of installation. We have demonstrated that this is indeed feasible, but more than that, we have determined that a particular segment of the public was not being served well due to the rigors of camping. The tent cabins have been found to serve this segment well, no matter the season.

Occupancy still follows the classic curve of high demand in the summer. We have found, however, that the immediate demand for these units can be highest during the seasons when the weather is marginal or deteriorating. Walk-in requests during a downpour are common, particularly when the ill

prepared visitor finds his/her camp site soaking wet after a day of rain.

Beginning in 1993, we removed the tent cabin reservations from the MISTIX system and began taking our own reservations via an in house 1-800 system and computerized campground management program. This has proven to be a positive move and the satisfaction our visitors have with the personalized reservation services is much higher. The system allows for a single caller to make up to 4 reservations within a 60 day advance reservation window. The window could be extended if desired. Providing small conveniences like recognizing birthday or anniversary visits, discounting frequent users, etc. make it possible for visitors to feel especially welcome.



Typical Tent Cabin Layout





# BICYCLE TRAILS COUNCIL of the East Bay

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FROM: Renée Roberge, Communications Coordinator, BTCEB  
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RE: Guidelines for Bicycle Camping

Our Basic need is access. It makes no sense to invite bicycle riders to camp in the EBRPD system when the only way to reach certain campsites is off-limits to bicycles.

If the Park District is serious about a 200-mile, region-wide trail system linking over-night back-pack sites (see highlighted photocopy attached), I would hope that the Park District will take into consideration access to this system. There may be problems with easements through land that historically has not allowed mountain-bikes. However, I believe this interlink system will become such a positive addition to the EBRPD that these initial access problems will be well worth the trouble.

As for the campsites themselves, the bare necessities afforded to any backpacker's site are quite suitable for bicyclists.

As always, the BTC will be available as an interface between the Park District and other Trail-User-Groups to iron out problems as they arise in our parks using our Bike Patrol and Retail Education Programs.



## EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT CAMPING TASK FORCE

### Standards for Public Camps

The following information has been taken from the American Camping Association publication, "Standards for Day and Resident Camps". We believe an ACA resident camp is defined as any group overnight camp. This information should be viewed as resource material as we determine the appropriate standards for EBRPD camps. ACA standards assume compliance with all local and state mandatory requirements. In addition, the ACA has established standards for the following areas:

- Site and Facility
  - **food preparation**
  - **sleeping quarters**
  - **toilet, bathing and hand washing facilities**
  - fire protection
  - law enforcement
- Administrative
  - safety regulations
  - emergency procedures
  - risk management
- Transportation and Vehicles
  - driver qualifications and training
  - vehicle maintenance
  - safety procedures
- Personnel
  - qualifications and training
  - supervision
- Program
  - activity leader qualification
  - safety regulations
  - activity procedures
- Health Care
  - supervision
  - equipment
  - intake information
  - procedures
  - emergency personnel and transportation
- Activities
  - **aquatics**
  - horseback riding
  - trip/travel camping

This summary of standards will only include equipment and facility standards for those areas that have been indicated in bold print, above, and will be based on the Site Approval Standards of the ACA.

1. Storage area for flammable, explosive or poisonous material separate from food area, covered and plainly labeled.
2. Fire alarm devices for all permanent sleeping shelters.
3. Thermostatic control of hot water for bathing, showering and hand washing facilities.
4. Sleeping, dining, toilet and program facilities available to persons with restricted mobility.
5. Multiple seat toilets must have at least one toilet with a door or curtain and accessible to all users.
6. Pit and chemical toilets screened or vented and provided with toilet lids and self-closing doors.
7. Day camp toilet ratios: one seat per 30 females, one seat per 50 males. If more than 10% of the camp population has restricted mobility, one seat per 20 females, and one seat per 30 males.
8. Day camp hand washing facilities: one basin per 30 persons with a minimum of two basins per toilet facility designed to serve more than 5 people at a time.
9. Resident Camp bathing/showering ratios: one showerhead or bathtub for each 15 people on site, or one per 10 persons for camps specializing in serving persons with restricted mobility.
10. Resident Camp toilet ratios: One seat per 10 females, one seat per 10 males. If more than 10% of users are mobility restricted, one per 8 female and male.
11. Resident camp hand washing ratios: One basin per 10 persons, with a minimum of 2 basins for each toilet facility designed to serve more than 5 persons at a time.
12. Dish washing, drying and storage area standards: pg. 138.
13. Food storage and preparation standards: pg. 139.

